**Import of Soda Ash**

@550. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for which Soda Ash import is not being banned when there is considerable drain on foreign exchange resources and the product is freely available from the domestic sources itself; and

(b) if its impart cannot be banned for any reason, what are the reasons for which concessional import duty is levied on this product and the item is imported under OGL?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The High Powered Committee on Soda Ash have estimated the demand of Soda Ash at 13.20 lakh tonnes during 1988-89. $A_s$ against this, the present annual installed capacity is 13.35 lakh tonnes (including 3.30 lakh tonnes installed in April, 1988). Since the present installed capacity is just equivalent to the estimated demand, it is desirable to allow its import under OGL at reasonable import duty in order to avoid any shortage. It may, however, be added here that Government is constantly reviewing the availability position of Soda Ash in the country and also the need for its further import under OGL at concessional import duty.

**Scheme for educated unemployed youth**

560. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what were the targets fixed for 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88

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under the self-employment scnejn«s foir the educated unemployed youth in the country, Sate-wise;

(b) how much amount was earmarked during /the years 1985-86 1986-87 and 1987-88 to implement the scheme in the States; State-wise;

(c) whether Government are aware that some of the banks had not entertained the applications of the unemployed youth though they were selected by D.I.Cs; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A statement showing State-wise targets fixed for 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 is attached. (See below).

(b) Under the scheme, the Central Government allocates to States only physical targets in terms of number of beneficiaries and do not allot fundsj to implement the scheme. The loans are sanctioned by the banks on the recommendations of DIC Task Forces. The capital subsidy to the extent of 25 per cent on each loan contracted is paid out of Central Budget routed through Reserve Bank of India. The amount earmarked on account of capital subsidy during the years 1985-86^ 1986-87 and 1987-88 is as under: —

(Rs. in Crores)

| Year | Amount |
|---|---|
| 1985-86 | 95.00 |
| 1986-87 | 94.60 |
| 1937-88 | 70.00 |

(c) and (d) Government is aware that despite Task Force recommendations some cases do get rejected by the banks $o_n$ scrutiny which is, within their competence.

Statement

*State-wise targets fixed under SEEUY Scheme from 1985-86 to 1987-88*

| S.No | 1. Name of" the State/UT | 1985-86 | 1986-87 | 1987-88 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 17,300 | 17,300 | 8,650 |
| 2. | Assam | 6,200 | 6,200 | 3,100 |
| 3; | Bihar | 29,600 | 29,600 | 14,800 |
| 4. | Gujarat | 10,700 | 10,700 | 5,350 |
| .- 5. | Haryana | 4,600 | 4,600 | 2,300 |
| 6. | Himachal Pradesh | 1,600 | 1,600 | 800 |
| 7. | Jammu & Kashmir | 1,400 | 1,400 | 700 |
| 8. | Karnataka | 12,400 | 12,400 | 6,200 |
| 9. | Kerala . | 13,000 | 20,000 | 10,000 |
| 10. | Madhya Pradesh | 17,600 | 17;600 | 8,800 |
| 11. | Maharashtra | 15,500 | 15,500 | 7,750 |
| 12. | Manipur | 1,500 | 1,500 | 750 |
| 13. | Meghalaya | 300 | 300 | 150 |
| 14. | Nagaland | 200 | 200 | 100 |
| 15. | Orissa . | 9,300 | 9,300 | 4,650 |
| 16. | Punjab. | 15,000 | 15,000 | 7,500 |
| 1 . | Rajasthan | 10,300 | 10,300 | 5,150 |
| 18. | Sikkim. | 100 | 100 | 50 |
| 19. | Tamil Nadu | 18,100 | 18,100 | 9,050 |
| 20. | Tripura | 900 | 900 | 450 |
| 21. | Uttar Pradesh | 31,300 | 31,300 | 15,650 |
| 22. | West Bengal | 24,300 | 24,300 | 12450 |
| 13. | A & N Islands | 100 | 100 | 50 |
| •24. | Arunachal Pradesh | 100 | 100' | 50 |
| 25. | Chandigarh | 500 | 500 | 175 |
| 26. | Dadra, & Nagar Haveli | 100 | 100 | 50 |
| 27. | . Goa, Daman & Diu | 350 | 350 | 175 |
| 28. | Mizoratn | 200 | 250 | 125 |
| 19 | Pondicherry | 450 | 450 | 225 |
| 30. | Lakshadweep | | | 50 |
| | TOTAL: | 2,43,000 | 2,50,000 | 1,25,COO |
| | Undistributed | 7,000 | | |
| | GRAND TOTAL: | 2,50,000 | | |